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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Executive Directors  
Area Agencies on Aging

**FROM:** Tim M. Catherman  
Deputy Commissioner, Support Services

**DATE:** September 14, 2004

**SUBJECT:** Virginia Aging and AoA in the News

Below are Virginia Aging or AoA related articles that have occurred since last week's Tuesday E-mailing. These links do not require a paid service; however, some (like the Washington Post, etc.) ask a brief survey or registration. Please note some links are time sensitive and can change daily. Some articles may be editorial. Links are presented 'as is'.

If you are aware of articles that I am missing, please e-mail me a link for inclusion next week.

**Virginia AAAs In the News**

MEOC honors senator's efforts

Coalfield Progress - Norton,VA,USA

... include the Southwest Virginia Children's Advocacy Center, Healthy Families for Southwest Virginia and KinCare at Mountain Empire Older Citizens, Maxwell said. ...

[http://www.zwire.com/site/news.cfm?BRD=1283&dept\\_id=158551&newsid=12874716&PAG=461&rfi=9](http://www.zwire.com/site/news.cfm?BRD=1283&dept_id=158551&newsid=12874716&PAG=461&rfi=9)

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**AoA News From Around the Nation**

[US : Active Aging Week Promotes Quality of Life for Seniors](#)

TheMatureMarket.com - World

... According to the Department of Health and Human Services' Administration on Aging, by 2030 the number of older Americans is expected to double from 35 million ...

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**TO:** Executive Directors  
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**FROM:** Ellen Nau, Human Services Program Coordinator

**DATE:** September 14, 2004

**SUBJECT:** National Family Caregiver Support Program: Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

The National Family Caregiver Support Program allows for up to 10% of program funding to be used for support of grandparents and older individuals who are relative caregivers. A grandparents or relative caregiver must be 60 years of age or older, and

- Lives with the child
- Is the primary caregiver of the child because he biological or adoptive parents are unable or unwilling to serve as the primary caregiver of the child; and
- Has a legal relationship to the child, as such legal custody or guardianship, or is raising the child informally.

Children cared for in the households of older individuals must be 18 or younger.

AARP statistics reveal that the percentage of children in Virginia residing in grandparent headed households rose 20.8% between the 1990 and 2000 census. Nationwide, Virginia is ranked 13<sup>th</sup> for the number of children under 18 living in grandparent-headed households. If your agency is looking for support for this caregiver population, the following organizations may be a source of information and support:

AARP – State Fact Sheets – Programs, data, resources for grandparents in each state and D.C. [www.aarp.org/grandparents](http://www.aarp.org/grandparents)

The U.S. Census Bureau – Additional grandparent/grandchild data. [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov)

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Casey Family Programs – How to find county/city level grandparent/grandchild data.  
[www.casey.org](http://www.casey.org)

Children's Defense Fund – Data and Facts about Children [www.childrensdefense.org](http://www.childrensdefense.org)

In order to understand where our various area agencies on aging are involved with grandparent caregivers, I have attached a survey. Please complete and return to:

Ellen M. Nau, Human Services Program Coordinator  
Virginia Department for the Aging  
1610 Forest Avenue, Suite 100  
Richmond, Virginia 23229

[Ellen.Nau@vda.virginia.gov](mailto:Ellen.Nau@vda.virginia.gov)

Please return the completed form no later than **October 1, 2004**. Thank you.

## Grandparent Raising Grandchildren Information Survey

**Name of Agency:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact for this Survey:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **FAX:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

| Services Offered for Grandparents Raising Grandchildren (Please Check All That Apply):     |   |
|--|---|
| Spanish Language Available   | √ |
| Other Languages (specify)  |   |
| Database or listing of other support groups, services, or information in your service area |   |
| Information and referral via telephone, mail, or in person                                 |   |
| In-person support group meetings   |   |
| Telephone support group meetings   |   |
| Child care or youth activities while grandparent attends support group meetings            |   |
| Transportation to support group meetings   |   |
| Respite care (for example, before & after school care, camps for children etc              |   |
| Direct health care services  |   |
| Direct legal advice for grandparents by qualified legal professionals                      |   |
| Newsletter   |   |
| Conferences, workshops, or other training for grandparents and/or other Professionals      |   |
| Legislative advocacy   |   |
| Intergenerational programs (For Example: Foster Grandparents, Buddy System etc.) (Specify) |   |
| Other services or activities (Specify)   |   |

If you have checked any of the above as a program of your agency, name the program and funding source:

(Source for Some of this Survey: AARP, Grandparent Information Center)  
Return to Ellen Nau by October 1, 2004  
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